

IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. *(Previously Presented)* An information processing apparatus connectable to a network having thereon a server for processing e-mails, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a creation unit adapted to create an e-mail addressed to the information processing apparatus, with time of the transmission of the e-mail contained in a body of the e-mail;

a receiving unit adapted to receive an e-mail created corresponding to the transmitted e-mail created by said creation unit from the server, wherein the server includes in the e-mail time of the reception of the e-mail received by the server; and

a time setting unit adapted to set present time based on the time of the transmission of the e-mail and the time of the reception of the e-mail by the server, both of which are contained in the e-mail received by said receiving unit.

2. *(Previously Presented)* An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an NTP time information acquisition unit adapted to acquire time information using NTP, and

wherein said time setting unit is adapted to carry out the setting of the present time based on the time of the transmission of the e-mail and the time of the reception of the e-mail by the server, concurrently with the time information acquired by said NTP time information acquisition unit.

3. *(Previously Presented)* An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a storage unit adapted to retain time information upon shutdown, and

wherein said time setting unit is adapted to correct the time retained by said storage unit based on the predetermined correction information on a time period required for execution of reboot, and sets the corrected time as the present time.

4-6. *(Canceled)*

7. *(Previously Presented)* An information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said time setting unit is adapted to carry out the setting of the present time based on the time of the transmission of the e-mail and the time of the reception of the e-mail by the server, without

using the time information acquired by said NTP time acquisition unit when the time information has not been acquired by said NTP time information acquisition unit.

8. (*Canceled*)

9. (*Previously Presented*) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information processing apparatus is connectable to an image forming apparatus comprising a printing device that carries out printing on a recording medium.

10. (*Previously Presented*) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus connectable to a network having thereon a server for processing e-mails, the method comprising:

- a creation step of creating an e-mail addressed to the information processing apparatus, with time of the transmission of the e-mail contained in a body of the e-mail;

- a receiving step of receiving an e-mail corresponding to the transmitted e-mail created in said creating step from the server, wherein the server includes in the e-mail time of the reception of the e-mail received by the server; and

- a time setting step of setting present time based on the time of the transmission of the e-mail and the time of the reception of the e-mail by the server, both of which are contained in the e-mail received in said receiving step.

11. (*Previously Presented*) An information processing method according to claim 10, further comprising an NTP time information acquisition step of acquiring time information using NTP, and

wherein in said time setting step, the setting of the present time is carried out based on the time of the transmission of the e-mail and the time of the reception of the e-mail by the server, concurrently with the time information acquired in said NTP time information acquisition step.

12. (*Previously Presented*) An information processing method according to claim 10, further comprising a storing step of retaining time information upon shutdown, and

wherein in said time setting step, the time retained in said storage step is corrected based on the predetermined correction information on a time period required for execution of a reboot, and the corrected time is set as the present time.

13-15. (*Canceled*)

16. (*Previously Presented*) An information processing method according to claim 11, wherein in said time setting step, the setting of the present time is carried out based on the time of the transmission of the e-mail and the time of the reception of the e-mail by the server, without using the time information acquired in said NTP time information acquisition step when the time information has not been acquired in said NTP time information acquisition step.

17. (*Canceled*)

18. (*Previously Presented*) An information processing method according to claim 10, wherein the information processing apparatus is connectable to a printer, the method further comprising a printing step of carrying out printing with the printer on a recording medium.

19. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for controlling an information processing apparatus connectable to a network having thereon a server for processing e-mails, the computer program comprising:

a creation module for creating an e-mail addressed to the information processing apparatus, with time of the transmission of the e-mail contained in a body of the e-mail;

a receiving module for receiving an e-mail corresponding to the transmitted e-mail created in said creating module from the server, wherein the server includes in the e-mail time of the reception of the e-mail received by the server; and

a time setting module for setting present time based on the time of the transmission of the e-mail and the time of the reception of the e-mail by the server, both of which are contained in the e-mail received in said receiving module.

20. (*Previously Presented*) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information processing apparatus is adapted to manage counter information indicating an output state of an image forming apparatus connectable to a network.